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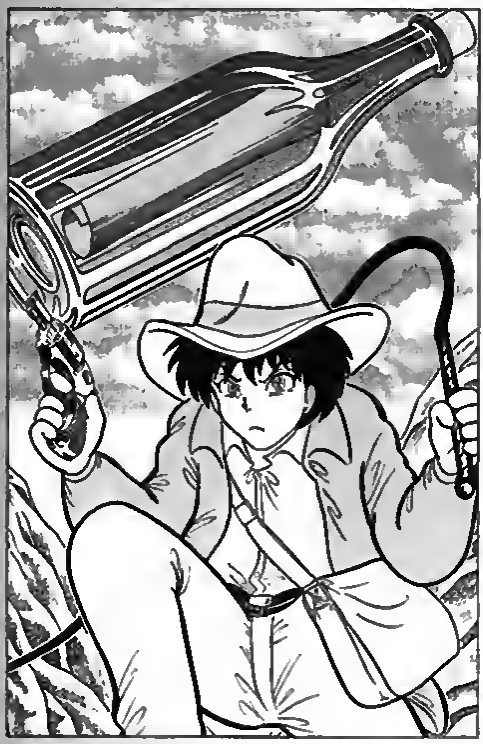
LETTER IN A BOTTLE



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THE FIRST TIME I FOUND THAT "LETTER IN A BOTTLE" WAS, HM... THAT'S RIGHT, I MUST HAVE BEEN FIVE YEARS OLD.
WHAT'S THIS?
?
THAT WAS BURIED IN A SANDBOX IN THE PARK.

?
...ME...
MEE... ME...
COME AND MEET ME
MAMA~~!
WHAT DOES THIS SAY?
I'D FIND THAT THING ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK.
AND AFTER ENTERING INTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RIGHT THERE IN MY SHOE BOX...
COME AND MEET ME

DURING SUMMER BREAK IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I FOUND IT ON THE COAST BY THE SEA.
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…IT'S A LETTER IN A BOTTLE AGAIN.
AH!
COME AND MEET ME

EVEN WHILE TAKING A WALK DOWN THE STREET.
IT'D JUST COME ROLLING TOWARDS ME...
...AND STOP AT MY FEET.

YOU HAVE A PACKAGE~~~
MORNING!
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I'M SO USED TO IT BY NOW, I JUST PICK THEM UP WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING INSIDE ANYMORE.
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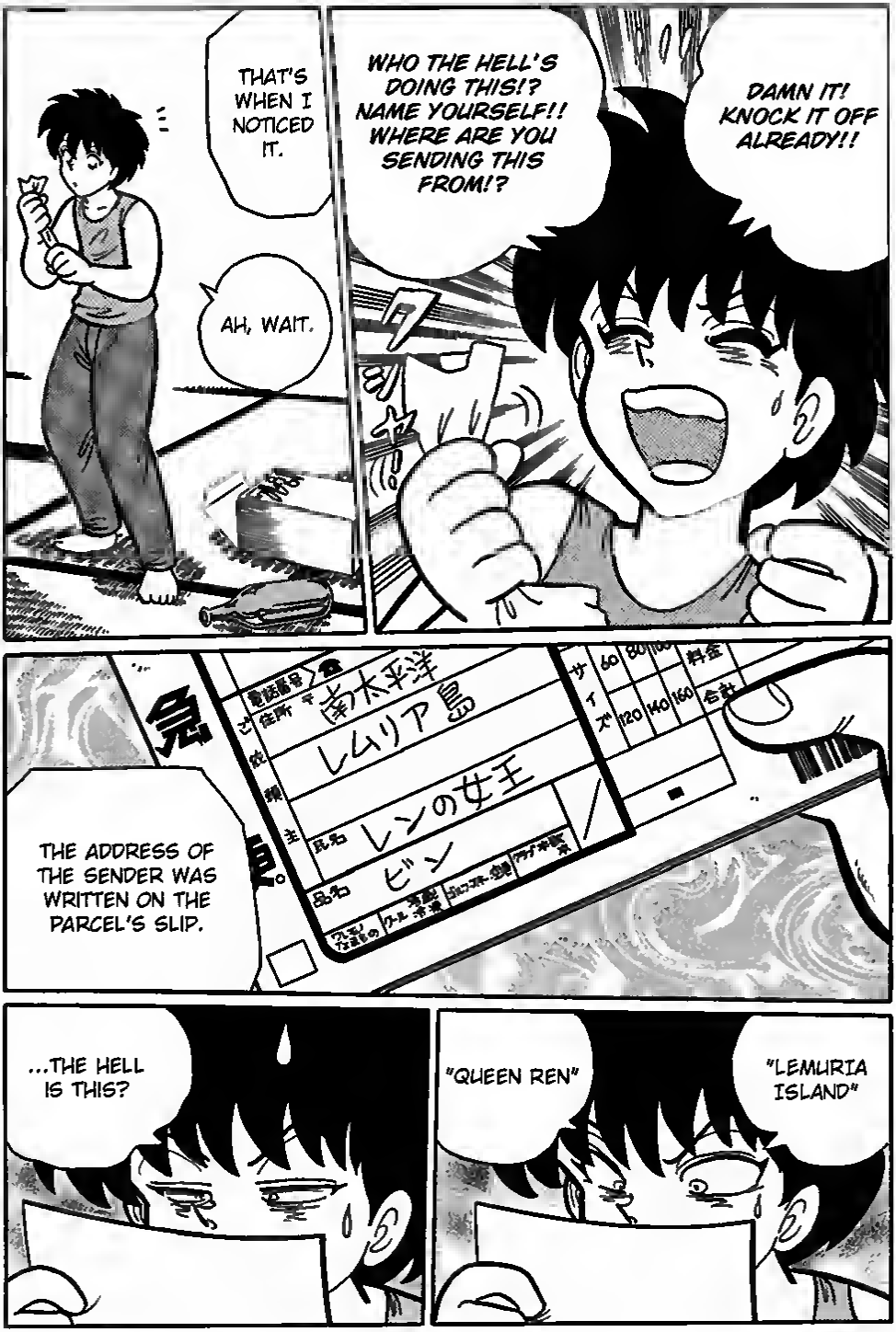
COME AND MEET ME
FINALLY IT REACHED THE POINT WHERE I WAS GETTING HOME DELIVERIES.


THAT'S WHEN I NOTICED IT.
AH, WAIT.
WHO THE HELL'S DOING THIS!? NAME YOURSELF!! WHERE ARE YOU SENDING THIS FROM!?
DAMN IT! KNOCK IT OFF ALREADY!!
THE ADDRESS OF THE SENDER WAS WRITTEN ON THE PARCEL'S SLIP.
...THE HELL IS THIS?
"QUEEN REN"
"LEMURIA ISLAND"

ALLLLLRIGHT! LET'S SET SAIL, SHALL WE?
I STARTED OFF ON A TRIP.
I HAD NO IDEA WHO QUEEN REN COULD BE, BUT IF SHE SAYS TO COME MEET HER, THEN I HAD TO GET GOING, DIDN'T I?
THE TRIP BY BOAT WAS A LONG ONE.

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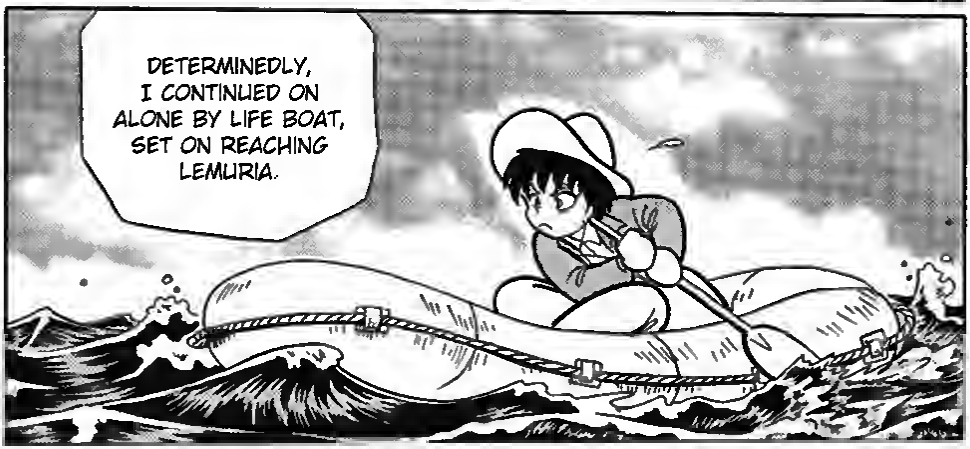
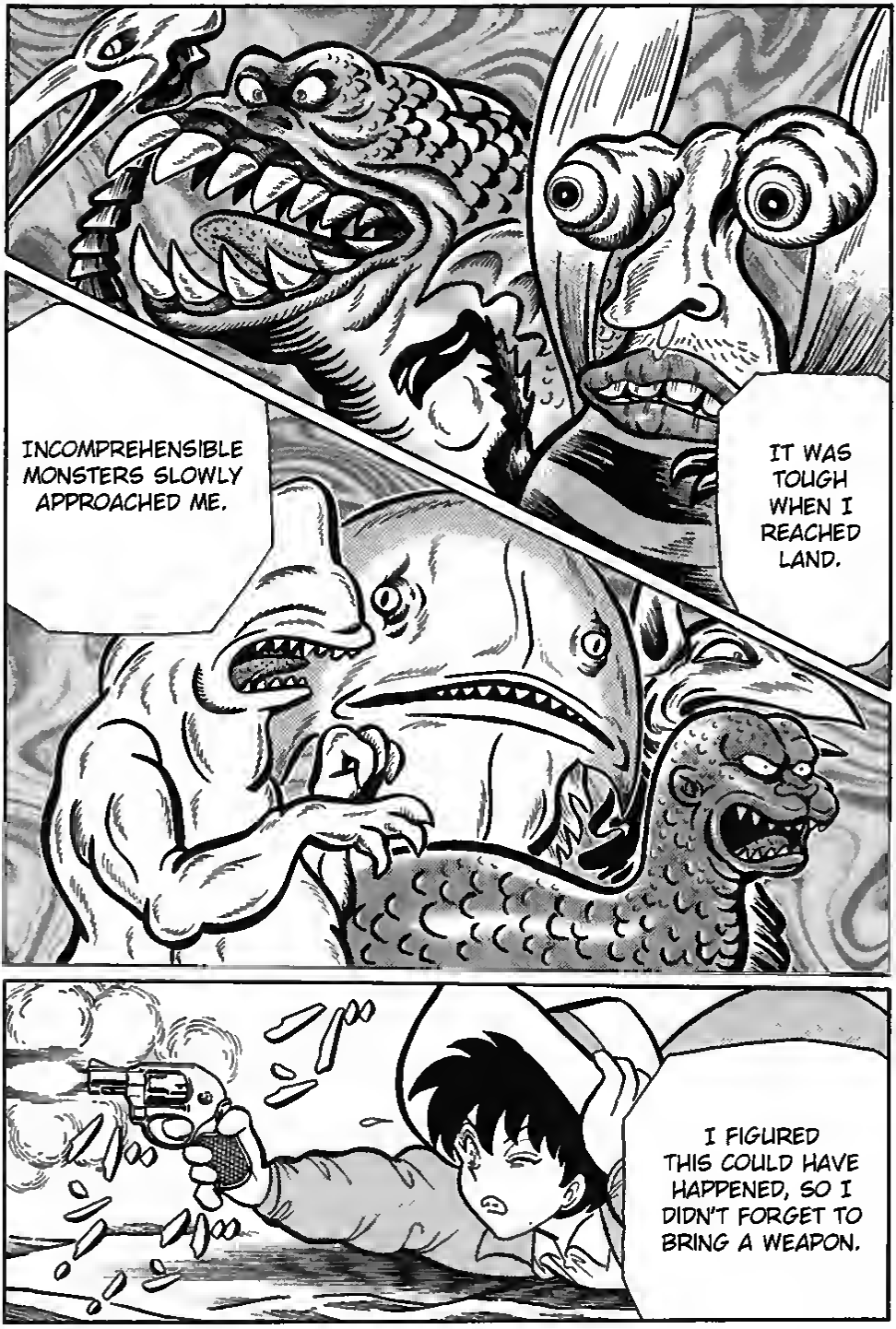
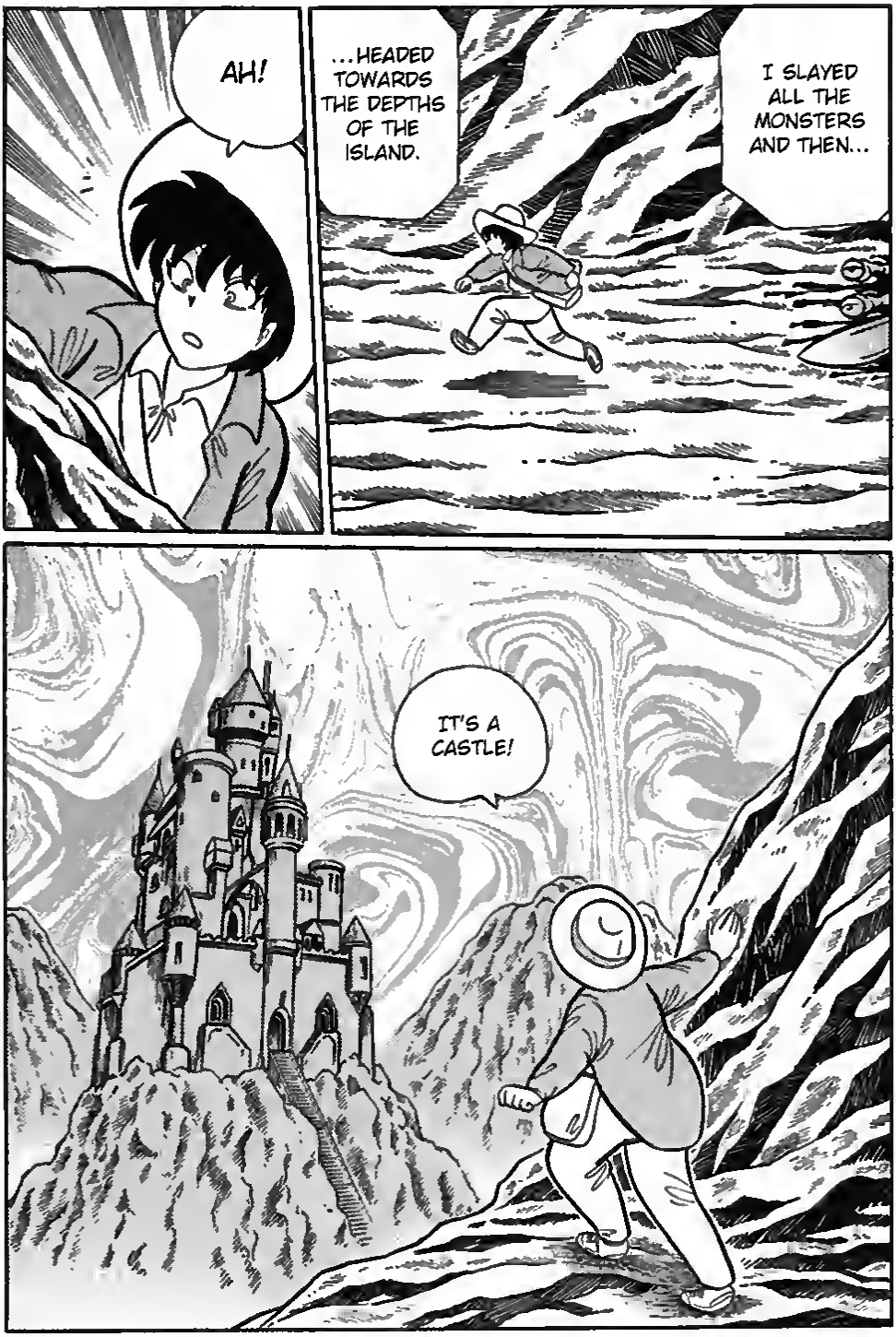
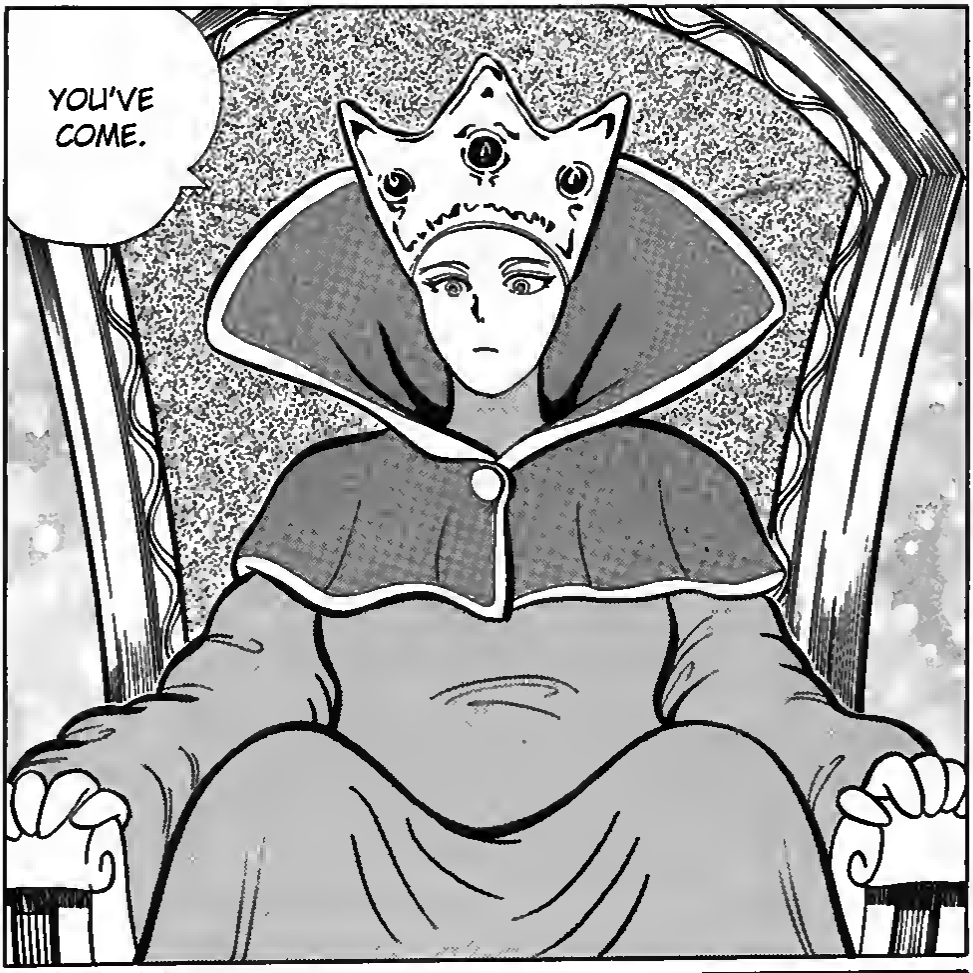
AFTER A GIGANTIC OCTOPUS CAPSIZED THE BOAT...

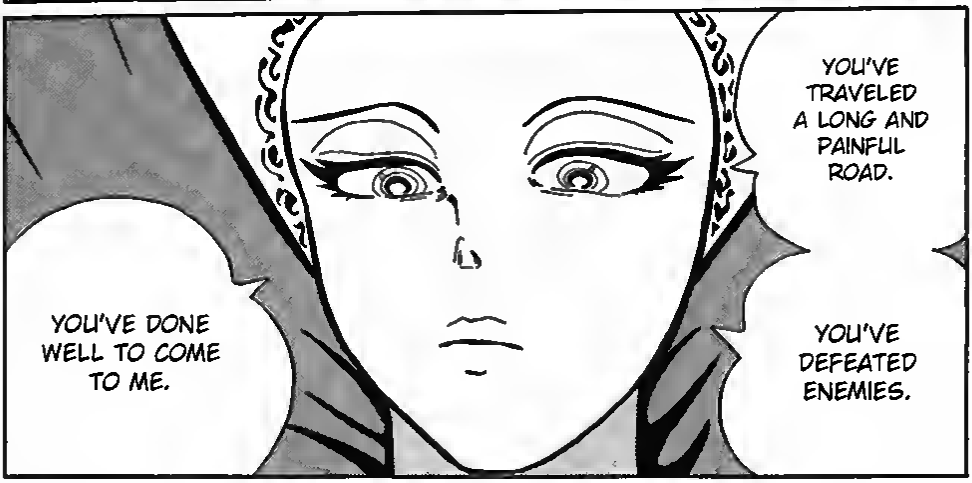

DETERMINEDLY, I CONTINUED ON ALONE BY LIFE BOAT, SET ON REACHING LEMURIA.

THAT'S IT!
AH!


INCOMPREHENSIBLE MONSTERS SLOWLY APPROACHED ME.
IT WAS TOUGH WHEN I REACHED LAND.
I FIGURED THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED, SO I DIDN'T FORGET TO BRING A WEAPON.


AH!
...HEADED TOWARDS THE DEPTHS OF THE ISLAND.
I SLAYED ALL THE MONSTERS AND THEN...
IT'S A CASTLE!


YOU'VE COME.


YOU'VE TRAVELED A LONG AND PAINFUL ROAD.
YOU'VE DEFEATED ENEMIES.
YOU'VE DONE WELL TO COME TO ME.

...ARE YOU QUEEN REN?
THAT'S CORRECT.
WAIT A MINUTE, YOU AND I ARE DOING WHAT?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN SENDING ME THOSE BOTTLES SINCE LOOOOOONG AGO?
YOU'VE DONE WELL TO ACCEPT MY INVITATION.
YOU ARE A TRUE HERO.
NOW, AS FOR OUR WEDDING CEREMONY...
THAT SO?
HAD TO CONFIRM IT JUST TO BE SAFE.
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE THE CHOSEN HERO.
AND YOU DID WELL TO MEET MY EXPECTATIONS.

KEEP YOUR STUPID GAMES INSIDE A TV SCREEN.
GOOD GRIEF, DON'T WASTE MY TIME.

NOW I'LL NO LONGER BE BOTHERED BY THOSE ANNOYING LETTERS IN A BOTTLE.
TIME TO HURRY BACK HOME AND CRAM FOR EXAMS.
IT'S MY DREAM TO SOMEDAY BECOME A CIVIL SERVANT OR CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT AFTER ALL.

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